

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 1997 JUNE 30

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 70-04-15

SUBJECT: LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS ON 12th AVE, CANADA WAY TO MARY AVE.

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval to defer local improvement frontage charges in the 1997 tax billing year for the subject project.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Local Improvement Frontage Tax Bylaw No.10555 be amended by deferring charges pertaining to construction of speed humps on Twelfth Avenue, Canada Way to Mary Avenue.

REPORT

The 1996 LIP construction program included proposed speed humps on Twelfth Avenue between Canada Way and Mary Avenue. In June 1996, abutting property owners successfully petitioned for the improvements. Construction bylaws were approved by Council on July 8, with construction anticipated for late summer 1996. Project completion, however, has been delayed due to watermain construction by the GVWD on Twelfth Avenue.

Over the past year, the GVWD has been involved in the construction of the south Burnaby westerly transfer water main that essentially transfers water from the Coquitlam watershed to Vancouver. Its alignment runs through several areas of Burnaby including Twelfth Avenue. Construction of this particular section started last year and to date has not been completed. Our understanding from discussions with the GVWD is that the remaining pavement restoration work will be done later this summer. The city will then be in a position to complete the speed humps.

Council has previously approved a frontage tax Bylaw No.10555 that assessed local improvement frontage charges, in the 1997 tax billing year, on properties abutting the proposed Twelfth Avenue project. The Municipal Act states that the work must be completed before local improvement frontage charges are levied. Since the work was not completed prior to the established deadline of 1997 May 31, it is recommended that Bylaw No.10555 be amended and all local improvement charges pertaining to the Twelfth Avenue project be deferred until the 1998 tax billing year. There are 26 properties affected with a total charge of \$683.

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cc: Director Finance
City Solicitor


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